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Note verbale dated 19 April 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and, with reference to the Mission's note verbale dated 20 March 2002 (see annex), has the honour to kindly request the Committee to distribute the above-mentioned document among its members.

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Annex to the note verbale dated 19 April 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Note verbale dated 20 March 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and has the honour to inform the latter of the unfortunate events of a theft of diplomatic property of high value which took place on 18 March 2002 in northern Riverdale, Bronx, NY. That night, a diplomatic vehicle (licence plate 041 PGD), just leased by this Mission from Nissan as from 15 March 2002, was vandalized. Its hood was forced open, its alarm system was disarmed, its electric leads were cut, its battery was destroyed and its headlights were stolen. A police officer from the 50th Precinct in the Bronx inspected the vehicle and filed a police report.

In that connection, the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Belarus requested the United States Mission to the United Nations to provide all possible assistance in the form of a full and thorough investigation of this case in accordance with the established principles of diplomatic relations and international practice reflected, inter alia, in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/97 of 8 December 1998, entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives".